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OBAMA MAKES HISTORY

'Change has come to America' with landslide victory over McCain

Liz Segrist
NEWS EDITOR

Barack Obama was elected the first black U.S. president last night in a victorious Electoral College landslide, and gave all the credit to the American people.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, because of what we did on this day at this election ... change has come to America," Obama said.

The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois defeated Republican Sen. John McCain through hard-fought battleground states: Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Iowa.

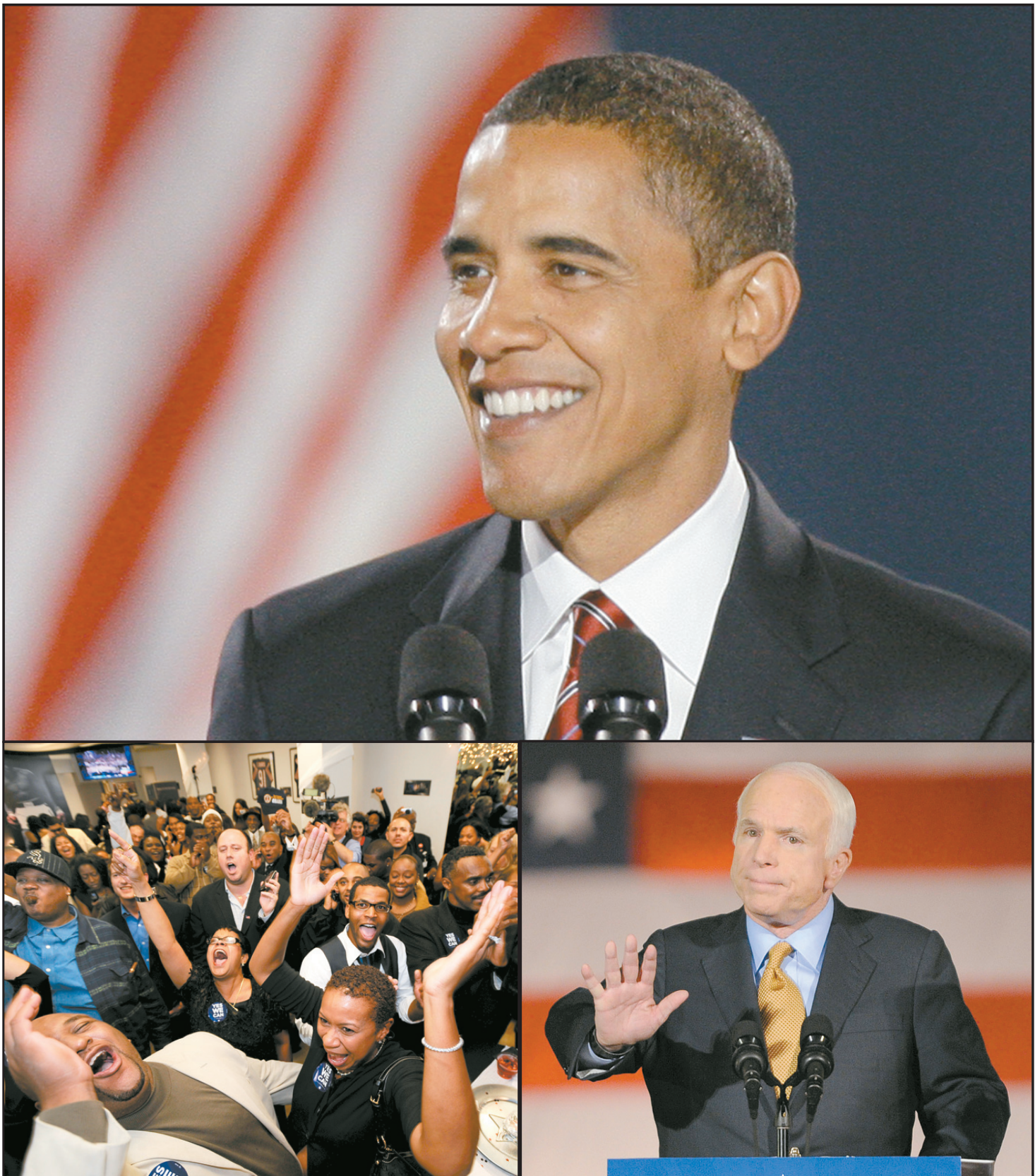
Obama came out to tens of thousands of cheering supporters as he said, "Hello Chicago," while walking with his wife and two daughters.

"I'll never forget who this victory truly belongs to. It belongs to you," he said.

Obama and Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, vice president-elect, will take their oaths of office on Jan. 20, when Obama becomes the 44th president of the United States.

Obama said last night was the answer for anyone who didn't believe in the possibility of change.

"If there is anyone out there that still doubts that anything in America is possible, tonight is your answer," Obama said. "It's the answer to all my lines that stretched around schools and churches. For all those people that



Top: President-elect Barack Obama became the first black president in U.S. history Tuesday. Bottom left: Obama supporters in Chicago celebrate his victory. Bottom right: Sen. John McCain delivers his concession speech in Arizona.

waited for three or four hours, maybe for their first time, because they believed that this time could be different."

McCain said he wishes the election could have ended differently in his concession speech at 11 p.m. Tuesday night, but also said his supporters should embrace Obama as their new president.

"I wish the outcome could have been different my friends. It's natural

tonight to feel some disappointment, but tomorrow we must move beyond it to get our country moving again," McCain said. "We fought as hard as we could, but the failure is mine, not yours."

The crowd booed at the statement and began chanting "John McCain."

McCain said that Obama achieved a "great thing."

"I want all Americans to join me on not just congratulating him ... but to come together to find necessary compromises to bridge our differences."

Annie Boiter-Jolley, president of the USC College Democrat, said Obama's win was an emotional one, as she said she believes it will bring major changes to the country.

"I've been in tears for the past half hour. I really don't know how to describe what it feels like, it's just everything is going to change now," said the fourth-year political science and women studies student.

Boiter-Jolley said she reflected tonight on how historical this election was and how it will change citizens' views.

"Twenty years ago, who knew that this was even going to be possible? I really think it's going to change the whole tenure of how we think here," she said.

College Republicans President Alex Stroman said he is unhappy by McCain's defeat, but overall he has hopes for Obama and is comforted by McCain's win in South Carolina.

"Of course I'm unhappy, I'm upset because I believe that John McCain could lead our nation the best

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S.C. sees increase in voter turnout at polls

Commissioner says more citizens participate in state elections, residents wait through long lines, excited despite Election Day frustrations

Liz Segrist
NEWS EDITOR

"I'm here to vote because I'd like to see a change in our nation," said Leon McCaskill, a 55-year-old Columbia resident who waited over three hours in line to vote at the Richland County voting location on 2020 Hampton St.

Chris Whitmire, the South Carolina State Election Commission spokesperson, said there was definitely an increase in voter turnout in South Carolina.

"There was a heavy turnout all across the state and long lines across the state," Whitmire said. "Voters were very enthusiastic and very patient waiting in those lines and we'll likely see a record turnout in this election."

Mike Cinnamon, Richland County elections director, said he noticed an increase in voters since the last presidential

election.

"There were more voters in general around the state too," Cinnamon said.

At the time, Cinnamon and Whitmire were not able to give an exact number of voters because votes had not been fully counted yet, but Cinnamon said in certain areas of Richland County, people waited in lines for hours.

Cinnamon said Richland County had 125 polling places open during the voting period, which lasted from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Ashley Jones, a 24-year-old Columbia resident who works at the Sunshine House, arrived at the polls around 6:30 p.m. for the second time that day.

"I just got here and they gave me the run around all day. I went on my lunch break at 12 and at 12:30 I still had nowhere to vote because they messed up my registration card and everything."

However, Jones said it's worth it because she feels the need to vote.

"I have to vote. It's very exciting. Everyone has to vote, they just have to," Jones said.

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Residents in Richland County show up at their local polling location to vote Tuesday.

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Today @ USC

World Children's Day
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Greene Street

University Press Fall Book Sale
Noon to 11:30 p.m.
RH, Room 203

Choose To Lose
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
RH, Room 305

Greek Programming Board meeting
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
RH, Room 315

Student Senate meeting
4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
RH, Rooms 322/326

American Red Cross CPR Class
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Nursing 127

Carolina Productions meeting
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
RH, Room 315

Students Tackling Academic Recovery
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
RH, Room 301

University Bible Study
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
RH, Room 303

Flying Gamecocks meeting
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Gambrell 151

VSA meeting
8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Calcott 201

SALA meeting
8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
RH, Room 305

Wednesday Fun Facts:

Koger Center

- 535: the number of different events the Koger Center hosts every year.
- Jan. 14, 1989: the date of the first performance there, which was given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
- 14: the number of music classes that take place weekly in the rehearsal rooms.
- \$15 million: the amount donated from personal and corporate funds by Ira and Nancy Koger, the people the center is named after, to construct the building.
- 4: the average number of events that must be turned down weekly simply because the Koger Center's schedule is already too full.

— Compiled by News Editor Liz Segrist

PIC OF THE DAY



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An ice sculptor of a donkey was on display at a watch party. Nearly 1,000 Democrats gathered in The Zone at Williams-Brice Stadium Tuesday night.

Local

South Carolina absentee voters have nearly doubled turnout from 2004 levels, according to State Election Commission data released Monday.

By 10 a.m. Monday, 302,000 people had already voted in South Carolina. In 2004, the state recorded about 161,000 absentee votes during the presidential election. That record fell more than a week ago as voter registration climbed past 2.5 million, an increase of 237,000 since 2004.

The state's two top political parties have both tried to increase absentee voting, but have taken different approaches.

State Republican Party Chairman Katon Dawson said the GOP tried to get people to vote by mail using paper ballots. State Democratic Party Chairwoman Carol Fowler said her party encouraged people to turn out in person. People eligible to vote by absentee ballot can pick which way they want to vote.

Along the way, Dawson said he's skeptical that all the people showing up in lines at county election offices truly meet the requirements for voting absentee.

"I think the absentee voting has been abused," Dawson said. For instance, he doubts that so many people have bosses that won't give them time to vote or work schedules that won't permit them to get in line at their precincts.

"It's possible that could have been abused in this election cycle," Dawson said.

But Fowler said she hasn't heard of anybody breaking the laws.

Democrats wanted people to vote in person absentee so they would know they have voted and so lines would be shorter at precincts on Tuesday.

"You don't have to worry about turning them out on Election Day," Fowler said.

And she likes what she's seeing in the absentee turnout: signs that Democrat-leaning counties are having more people show up than Republican-leaning counties.

"We take that as a good sign," Fowler said.

That absentee voting has its advantages, leaving those casting ballots early the freedom to celebrate their votes by doing a couple of things that are just plain illegal on Election Day when polls are open: buying liquor and lottery tickets.

National

SAN FRANCISCO — For nearly a year, six Chinese crew members on a ship that crashed into the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge — creating the bay's worst oil spill in nearly 20 years — have been detained by federal authorities.

The sailors are being held as material witnesses in the crash of the Cosco Busan. The men, including four who are not accused of wrongdoing, are fighting for the right to return to their families in China.

"This is a lengthy detention," said University of Georgia law professor Ronald Carlson, an expert on the material witness law. "These witnesses are being detained humanely. Still, there is that undeniable desire to return home."

The 900-foot cargo ship sideswiped a bridge support in heavy fog, gashing its hull and leaking more than 50,000 gallons of fuel that killed and injured thousands of birds. It was believed to be the biggest San Francisco Bay oil spill since 1988.

Prosecutors want the six to testify in criminal cases against the harbor pilot, John Cota, and the ship's Hong Kong-based operator, Fleet Management Ltd. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Although the men are under arrest as material witnesses, they are not in jail.

Living rent-free in apartments and hotels, they are permitted to roam San Francisco and the surrounding area. They continue to draw their salaries, and each also receives \$1,200 per month in witness fees, more than the monthly salary of at least one detained seaman.

Chinese officials here hope the crew can return soon. But "we believe they are situated pretty well," said Defa Tong, a spokesperson for the Chinese consulate in San Francisco. "Some of them are going to school to learn English."

Still, the men have been unable to celebrate family birthdays and tend to sick relatives. One crewman's wedding had to be delayed.

"They are unhappily detained," said Douglas Schwartz, a lawyer representing the ship's captain, Mao Cai Sun.

The crew's legal predicament stems from federal law allowing the arrest of witnesses who might flee before testifying in criminal cases.

World

BAGHDAD — Wasan Salah hopes Barack Obama will win the presidency because "he wants to withdraw the troops." An Iraqi Christian woman thinks he will too — and so she's rooting for John McCain.

Iraqis have nearly as big a stake in Tuesday's presidential contest as Americans, since the new president will face tough decisions on how to draw down U.S. forces without sacrificing security gains and vital American interests in the Middle East.

Many Iraqis are eager to see an end to a U.S. military presence they consider foreign occupation; American officials insist the troops are here to defend the Iraqi people against terrorists.

At the same time, many Iraqis also fear their leaders and security forces are not ready to protect the country. They'd like to see the Americans leave — but not too soon.

"I prefer that McCain wins the election so that he will pursue the same policy as President Bush," a middle-aged Christian woman told Associated Press Television News in a sidewalk interview near Baghdad's Tahrir Square.

"We are afraid that if Obama comes into office, he will withdraw the U.S. troops immediately and cause chaos in our country," she said, refusing to give her name because of security fears.

Those contrasting views are as different as the candidates' positions on Iraq.

Obama opposed the Iraq invasion of 2003 and has called for a complete withdrawal of combat troops within 16 months. McCain supported the decision to go to war and — like Bush — has opposed setting a timetable for the troops to leave.

McCain, a veteran and Vietnam War prisoner, has promised to pursue the Iraq war to victory.

"I prefer Obama because he wants to withdraw the foreign soldiers," said Salah, 24, who lives in Baghdad's Shiite slum of Sadr City, scene of heavy fighting last spring. "That might improve the situation in Iraq."

Ali Basil, a 23-year-old semiprofessional soccer player from the southern city of Basra, agreed.

— Associated Press

Crime Report

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

Petit larceny, burglary in the 2nd degree, 8:30 p.m.

801 Lincoln St.

Unknown suspect stole \$4.50 from the victim's cup when the victim wasn't looking. The cup was processed and taken as evidence. Investigation continues.

Reporting officer: CL Davis

Found contraband, 11:30 p.m.

Bates West, 1405 Whaley St.

Officers responded to a complaint from the Residence Hall Advisor. Upon making contact with the unknown suspects in room 707, officers could distinctly smell marijuana. Two of the suspects admitted to smoking the marijuana. An open beer can was also found in the room. The beer was thrown out, the bong was confiscated and six student disciplines were administered.

Reporting officers: C. Bufkin and D. Byrum

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

Driving with unlawful concentration, 11:53 p.m.

Intersection of Greene & Sumter streets

Officer pulled over a vehicle driving without headlights. Upon making contact with driver Augustus Caldwell, the officer could smell the strong odor of alcohol. Caldwell also exhibited slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. The officer issued a number of field sobriety tests, which Caldwell failed. Caldwell was placed under arrest and taken downtown for a breath test, which resulted in a .18.

Reporting officer: C. Thompson

— Compiled by Staff Writer Kyle Moores

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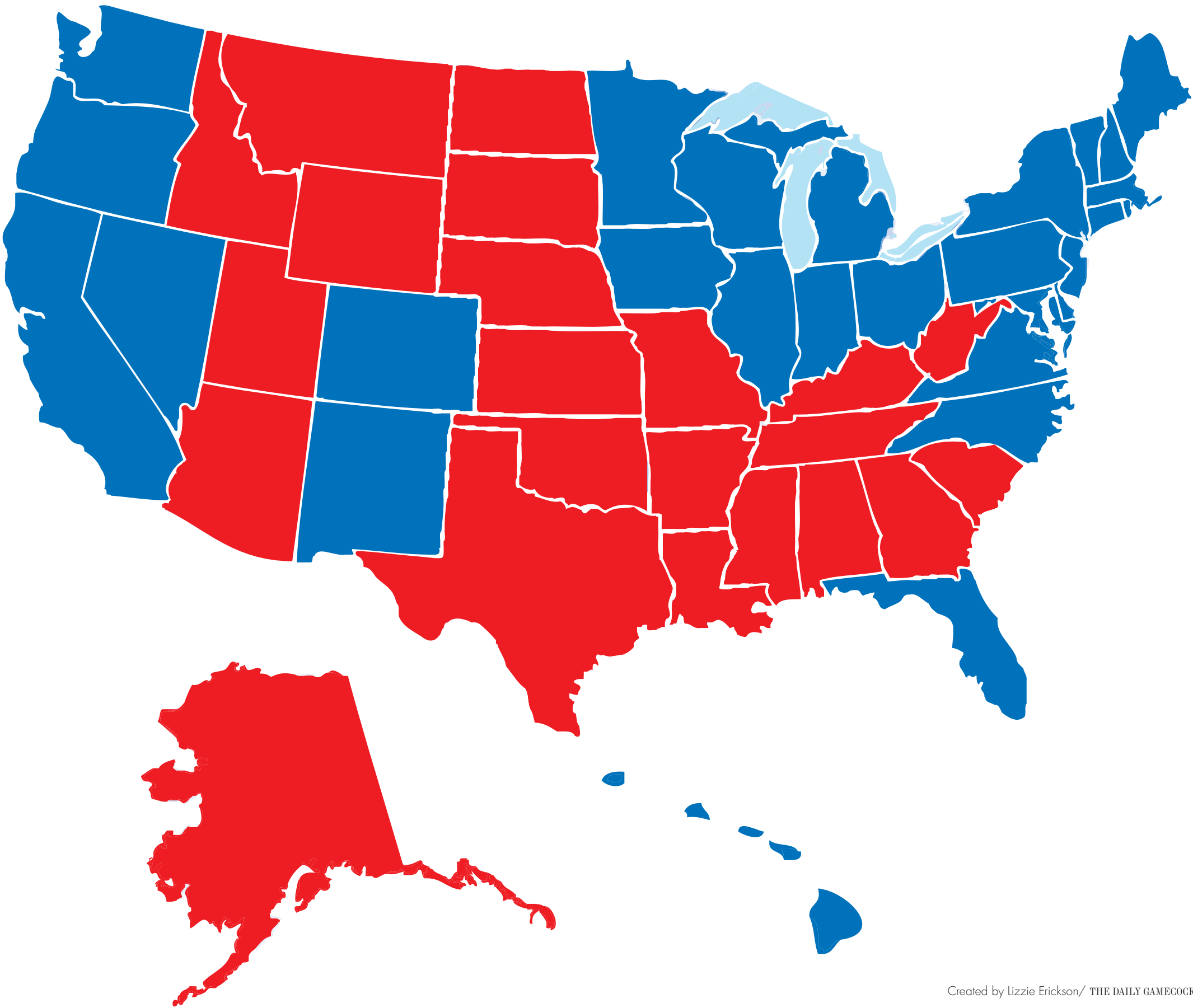
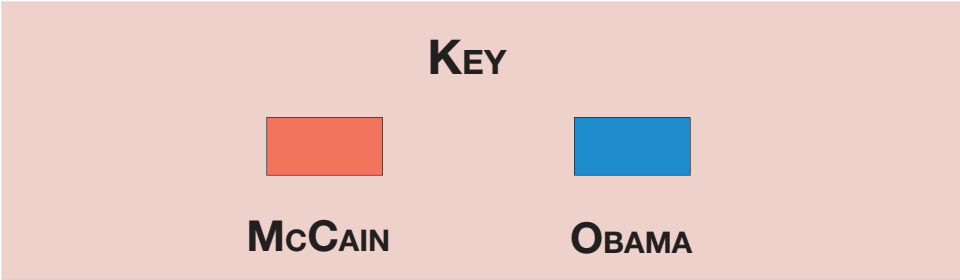
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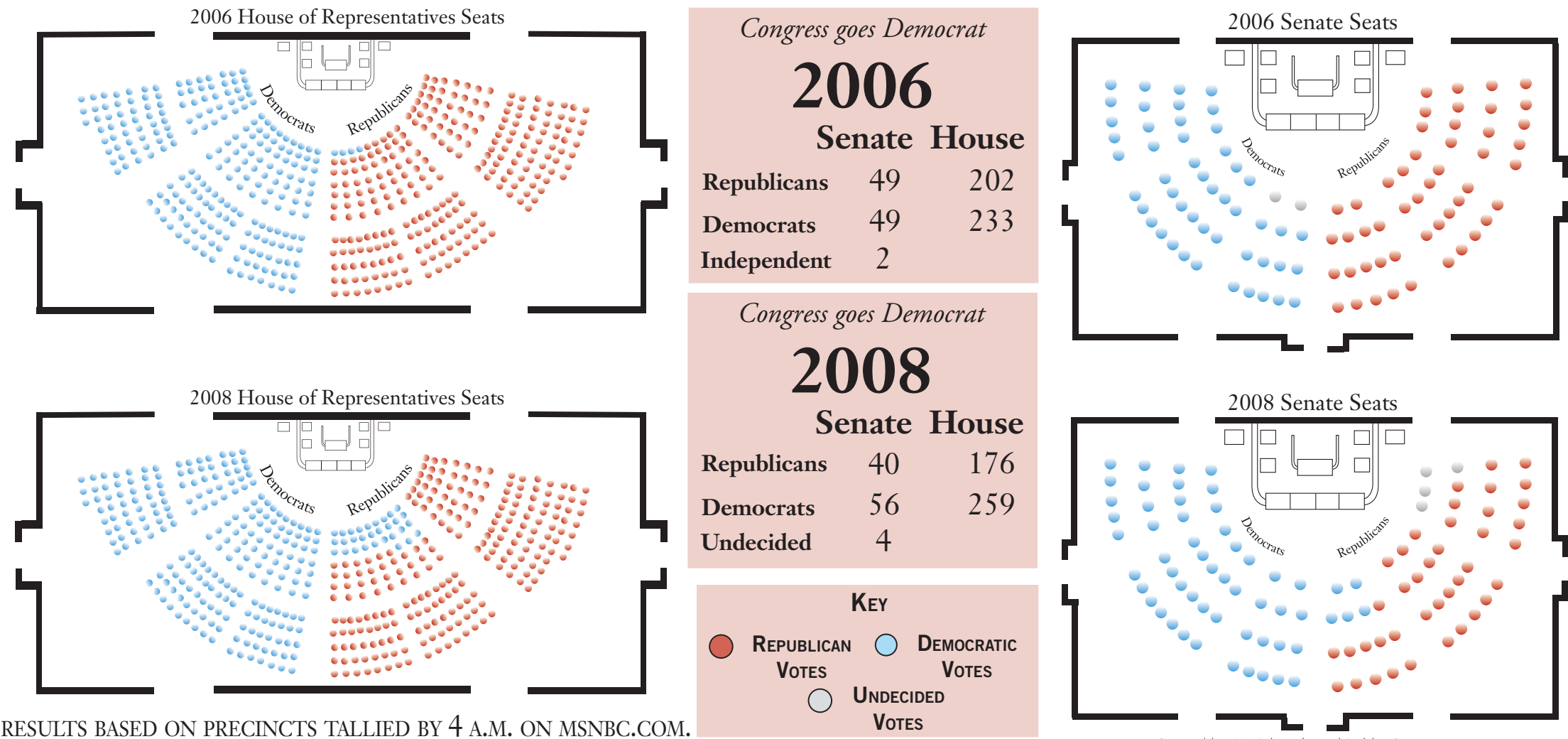
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Residents vote for incumbents, amendments

South Carolinians choose to change age of consent, reelect state officials

South Carolina voters reelected all of the incumbents and voted on three amendments yesterday, passing one and defeating the other two.

South Carolina voters decided yesterday to change the age needed to consent for sex, but decided against playing with the stock market.

The consent amendment was approved, deleting the current age of consent of 14. State law has already been ignoring the provision for years, setting the age at 16 for both sexes.

Fifty-two percent of voters approved the amendment, with 82 percent of precincts reporting.

Two other proposed amendments on the ballot regarding stock were both defeated, with 82 percent of precincts reporting.

The first concerned allowing state stock investment to pay for future retiree's health care, as well as other benefits, which 58 percent of voters shot down. Fifty-six percent of voters defeated the second, which would have allowed these types of stock investments to be done by local government.

Most other states allow the funds to be invested in stocks.

South Carolina can already invest pension money in stocks, which advocates consider

one of the best-paying investments over the long term.

Richland county and the town of Blythewood liberalized alcohol laws when 122 of 124 precincts voted with 74,691 voters voting yes; 40,948 voters voting no.

This vote allowed the sale of beer and wine on Sunday by all retailers in unincorporated areas, including grocers.

South Carolina Incumbent Sen. Lindsey Graham beat Democratic challenger Bob Conley in a landslide last night with 58 percent of the vote. The race was called shortly after polls closed on Tuesday, at about 7:05 p.m.

Graham spent much of the past campaign season supporting and stumping for Sen. John McCain on the campaign trail. Conley was a newcomer to South Carolina politics.

Republican incumbent Henry Brown defeated Democratic Challenger Linda Ketner in South Carolina's First Congressional District in the House of Representatives with 57 percent of the vote.

Republican incumbent Bob Inglis defeated Democratic challenger Paul Corden for South Carolina's Fourth Congressional District in the House of Representatives with 62 percent of the vote.

Republican incumbent James Barrett defeated Democratic challenger Jane Dyer for

Local Democrats celebrate Obama victory in The Zone

Supporters discuss road to presidency, emotions over historical win

Josh Dawsey
STAFF WRITER

As each state was called for Sen. Barack Obama in Williams-Brice Stadium last night, nearly 1,000 excited Democrats yelled in joy.

“We’re going to have our first black president,” Irene Patterson, a Columbia resident screamed across the room when New Mexico was called for Obama. “Hallelujah!”

But Democrats didn’t win at all in statewide elections. In the U.S. Congressional races Democrats had hoped Linda Ketner would upset Rep. Henry Brown and that Rob Miller would defeat Rep. Joe Wilson. Both efforts came up short. Also, Bob Conley was completely abolished by Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Prominent party leaders said winning on a national level was more important. Former Gov. Jim Hodges spent the last few months as a national adviser to Obama’s campaign. He downplayed the losses in statewide races.

“Anytime you win a presidential election, you’re happy. You build parties from success on the national level,” said Hodges, a national adviser to Obama. “Look at what the Republicans did after 1980. We have to be extremely pleased.”

Jim Clyburn, one of the influential Democrats in the state who currently serves as the House whip, said South Carolina proved a big role in Obama’s victory. While Obama couldn’t win South Carolina, results from the state’s “First in the South” primaries propelled Obama to the nomination.

“Everyone said that if Obama failed to win the South Carolina primary, he’d have no chance,” Clyburn said to a screaming crowd. “South Carolina put him on course to win this election. Everyone in this room should be proud of themselves.”

Sheila Deshazor, a soldier in the U.S. Army, said Obama’s win would improve the country.

“Look at what we’ve got now,” Deshazor said. “The economic policies have almost killed us. It’s got to be better for our country regardless.”

Chris Hart, a statewide representative from Lexington, said the results weren’t a surprise.

“It’s hard to win statewide races in a Republican



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Local Democrats show support for the winning candidate at a Tuesday night watch party at Williams-Brice Stadium.

state,” Hart said. “But we planned to win nationally. Give us four years, and maybe we can win here too.”

Clyburn said Obama’s presidency would fix a “broken country.”

“With his policies, we’re going to put this country back on track,” Clyburn said. “It’s time for change.”

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Republicans focus on state victories, hopeful for future

Prominent state party concentrates on landslide wins within South Carolina, say local elections matter

Josh Dawsey
STAFF WRITER

Early last night, While Sen. Barack Obama won the presidential election, South Carolina Republicans took solace in defending every statewide seat and delivering eight electoral college votes to Sen. John McCain.

More than 100 Republicans gathered in the Columbia Hilton at 7 p.m. last night for the “South Carolina Victory Party” to celebrate the statewide triumphs for the Republican Party.

On the state level, Sen. Lindsey Graham won in a landslide over challenger Bob Conley, and Reps. Henry Brown, Gresham Barrett, Bob Inglis and Joe Wilson, all Republicans, won their seats. Brown faced a stiff challenge from Linda Ketner, and Wilson successfully defended his

seat against Rob Miller.

Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer said he attributes the wins to the economic values of South Carolinians.

“Our state, like Republicans overall, believes in personal responsibility and that the government isn’t the cure of everything,” Bauer said.

Bauer said that Democrats “did a good job” of getting voters to turn out in this election, but that South Carolina is still a red state.

“My focus is on statewide politics and doing what’s best for our state,” Bauer said. “Local elections matter to our people.”

Choosing not to focus on the presidential election in his speech, South Carolina Republican Chairman Katon Dawson said South Carolina set a standard for the rest of the nation.

“We’re not going to worry about the rest of the nation,” Dawson said to a cheering crowd. “Let’s just be thankful South Carolina is sending our congressmen and our senator back to Washington.”

Not many in the crowd expected a McCain victory. Jonathan Williams, a second-year political science

student and the operator of a blog that covers state politics, said the results could have been worse.

“At least it’s not as bad as I’d thought it’d be,” Williams said. “The race was much closer than people thought a couple of weeks ago.”

Alex Stroman, the College Republicans president at USC, conceded the election to Obama before 10 p.m. While he said he admits the outcome wasn’t what he wanted, he encouraged the state to end the divisiveness of the past two years.

“We are hopeful in President-elect Obama, and wishful that he will be an amazing President of the United States of America,” Stroman said in a statement. “We are hopeful that his vision may be one that will be good for America, and we are proud that his election means that the White House can no longer be applied to the people who have dwelled within its’ walls. And we are praying that he may have wisdom and understanding to do God’s will for America.”

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South Carolina voters wait in a long line outside a precinct.

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minutes last night around 6:30 p.m., though there were at least 100 people in front of him.

“We’ve been here waiting probably about 30 minutes, but we just got here,” Mathis said.

Mathis said he went to vote because he wanted to take advantage of the opportunity.

“I wanted my voice to be heard. I just turned 18 and I just want to be heard,” he said.

Whitmire said everything went smoothly yesterday during voting times.

“[There were] no unusual problems, just the normal election day stuff we expect. No widespread issues,” Whitmire said.

Joel Simpson, 24, and the owner of J.S. Home Solutions, said he had already waited about three and a half hours and still had at least 50 people in front of him, but that it was important to him to vote.

“I messed up my voter registration so it was my fault and I’m trying to get it straightened out so that I can vote in this election,” Simpson said. “I want to vote, especially with this election, there’s a lot of big stuff going on.”

Simpson said the polls were much busier than in previous

years.

“Oh yeah it’s definitely busier this year. My wife waited three hours this afternoon to vote,” Simpson said.

Whitmire said an exact and official voter count for the state won’t be released for a couple of weeks, but an estimated voter count should come tomorrow.

Election officials predicted record turnout based on the more than 302,000 people who cast absentee ballots and an increase in voter registrations, which was fueled by intense primary campaigning over nine months ago, according to The Associated Press.

After the primaries, presidential advertising and visit became very rare since South Carolina is considered to be an automatic red state, which was proved once again last night.

However, officials said a record 2.5 million people registered and, in recent months, blacks signed up to vote at nearly twice the rate of whites in part because of Obama’s organization in the state, according to The Associated Press.

—Assistant News Editor Kara Apel contributed to this story.

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Check out the Healthy Carolina Farmers Market
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Columbia Talent Survey

From restaurants, nightlife, and green spaces to a depth and breadth of job opportunities, affordable housing and a safe environment, what will it take to turn Columbia into a place that attracts the creative class?

Take the Columbia Talent Magnet Project survey at www.columbiatalent.com and voice your opinion about our city and what it will take to turn it into a magnet for talent.

Cocky's Reading Express

Thurs. Nov. 6th Family Reading Night at Hand Middle School 5-8pm. Contact Maria Scalici at scalici@mailbox.sc.edu for more information.

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The event will be on Nov 10th at 11:30am at the Thompson Health Center.

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Gamecock Social Network

You're invited to participate in the new social notification system which was implemented this fall at USC-Columbia. Gamecock Social Notification is a new system that enable University students to receive information about activities as text messages on cell phones or via e-mail. Please visit the website at <http://gsn.sc.edu> to get more information.

Would you like to be a member of the Student Ticket Advisory Committee?

Become part of the process and help mold the new Student Ticket distribution system by applying for one of the open Committee positions! Applications are available starting today and can be picked up in The Office of Student Life located in Suite 115 of the Russell House West Wing or in the Student Government office in room 227 of the Russell House.



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during this tough time regarding the economy and national security,” said Stroman, a second-year political science student. “Obviously, voters in South Carolina agree with me, but the American people didn’t see it the same way and I’m unhappy about that and saddened by the fact.”

Obama said this country has never been more hopeful.

“America, I have never been more hopeful that we will get there. I promise you that we as a people will get there,” and the crowd responded with “Yes we can” chants.

McCain said he realized the historical importance of Obama’s election.

“This is an historic election and I recognize the special significance it has for African-Americans and the special pride that must be theirs tonight,” McCain said.

Both McCain and Obama thanked their supporters, families, staff and vice presidential candidates in their speeches.

Obama addressed his wife, Michelle, as the “love of his life” and spoke of his love for his daughters.

“I love you both more than you can imagine and you have earned the new puppy coming with us tonight at the White House,” Obama joked.

Obama also said that although his grandmother “is no longer with us, I know my grandmother is watching.”

McCain thanked his supporters, as well as the support he received from vice presidential running mate Sarah Palin.

“I cannot adequately express my gratitude to all of you,” he said to his supporters. And as for Sarah Palin, he said she is “one of the best campaigners,” he has ever seen.

McCain said although his campaigning didn’t turn out as he wished, it still is very meaningful to him.

“Thank you so much, a lost election will never mean more to me, than the privilege of your faith and friendship,” McCain said. “I don’t know what we could have done more to win this election.”

Obama said he respected McCain for his service to this country.

“A little bit earlier this morning I received an extraordinarily gracious call from Sen. McCain,” Obama said. “He fought long and hard in this campaign and he’s fought even longer and harder for this country. I look forward to working with them.”

Obama said this election showed the world that this country is unified.

“Americans sent a message to the world, that we have never been a collection of individuals or a collection of red or blue states, but that we are the United States of America,” Obama said.

McCain said he feels nothing but “love in my heart for this country” and that he wishes nothing but good things for Obama’s presidency.

“Today I was a candidate for the highest office of the country I love so much and tonight I remain her servant, and that’s blessing enough and I thank the people of Arizona for it,” McCain said. “I wish God speed to the man that was my former opponent and my president.”

Despite his disappointment, Stroman said that this is a historic election and he’ll look positively upon it, as it’s a “major step forward in the

U.S.”

“We are hopeful that his vision will be good and that barriers have been broken down with this election, the White House can no longer be applied to the people who have dwelled within its walls,” Stroman said. “And we are praying that he may have wisdom and understanding to do God’s will for America.”

Stroman said that he accepts Sen. Barack Obama, but that he will be held accountable.

“We will hold him accountable to the promises he has made in this election and also hold other elected officials accountable to the promises they’ve made during their campaigns,” Stroman said.

Boiter-Jolley said Obama’s win would influence both policies and perspectives

“I think not only will the policies change, and obviously he’ll promote his higher education plan and his healthcare plan to name a few, but the whole mindset of the country is going to change,” Boiter-Jolley said.

Boiter-Jolley said Obama’s speech was all encompassing of U.S. citizens.

“I think he captured everything and it was very respectful of the people who didn’t vote for him,” Boiter-Jolley said. “His speech was really trying to capture everybody and get everyone, even people who didn’t vote for him, on the same page with him.”

Obama said for those who did not support him in the election, he needs their help as well.

“We are not enemies, but friends. Though passion may have strained, we cannot let it break the bonds,” Obama said. “I hear your voices, I need your help and I will be your president too.”

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South Carolina’s Third District House of Representatives contest with about 65 percent of the vote.

Democratic incumbent John Spratt, Jr. defeated Republican challenger Albert Spencer for South Carolina’s Fifth District House of Representatives contest with about 61 percent of the vote.

Democratic incumbent Jim Clyburn defeated Republican challenger Nancy Harrelson for South Carolina’s Sixth District House of Representatives contest with 68 percent of the vote.

— Compiled by Halley Nani, News Editor Liz Segrist and Associated Press Reporter Jeffrey Collins

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USC should consider new sexual health plans, ideas

Rehashing old information not effective in informing students on safe practices

Sex. It is probably the most fun three-letter word to say. Well, for most people at least. It is probably safe to say that the majority of students experience that



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little word during their brief stay at a university. However, that little word can have enormous consequences if it is not respected.

In this day and age, most people, at least in America, are pretty acquainted with condoms and their benefits. And if you weren't before, our university offers a little seminar in the infamous University 101 class called, "Sex and The College Student." This class seemed to be pretty informative, for those who actually paid attention.

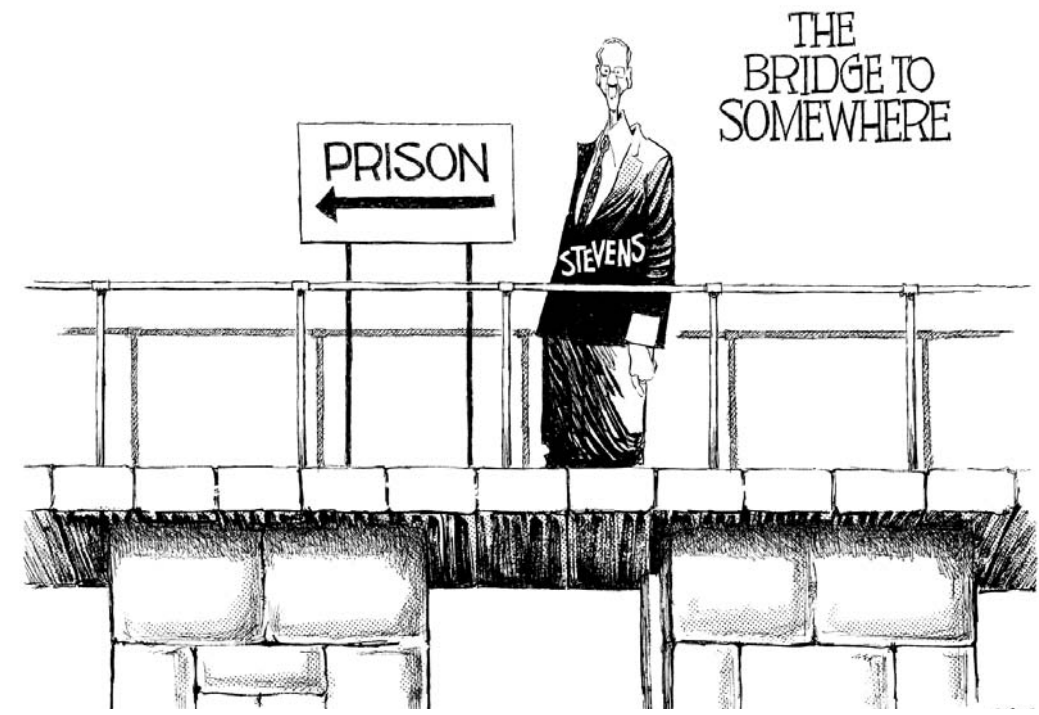
Yet at the same time, the information was the same stuff we all had been hearing through most of our high school days. Don't get me wrong — I do appreciate we attend a university that understands college life and isn't trying to hide the forbidden act of sex behind closed doors, but maybe it could be a little more engaging.

While surfing the internet, I stumbled upon an article on CNN from Mental Floss entitled, "Safe Sex Ideas That Raise Eyebrows." Even though some of them do seem a bit out of the ordinary, I believe that they could prove effective to the ADD-ridden society we live in.

The first idea came from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This organization came up with a ring tone in which an a cappella group sings, "Condom, Condom ..." to the tune of the catchy pop song, "Barbara Ann." This ring tone does seem a bit silly, but it is a fresh idea that proves helpful.

In India, the tone was introduced to fight a stigma against safe sex, because condoms are thought to be only used by prostitutes. More than 60,000 people have already downloaded the ring tone. This seems to be a subtle reminder of the importance of condom use that will probably get stuck in peoples' heads because of its catchy jingle.

My favorite unusual tactic is the one used by nurses in Western Australia where HIV/AIDS is a serious problem. These nurses have decided to place condoms in canisters and string them in trees. This idea is perfect, especially on a campus like USC where trees are pretty prevalent. Just imagine, on your way to class picking a tin of protection out of a tree like you would an apple. It would be great because we wouldn't have to worry about going out of our way to pay for a relatively expensive product. I believe we should make use of these new innovative ideas to promote healthy activity.



THE MCCULLOUGH EXPRESS
Victor should heed W's words

President should serve entire nation, not only affiliated political party

For two years now, presidential candidates have been campaigning hard. At the same time, a number of Congressional races have heated up, and incumbents from both the Republican and the Democratic Party face serious challengers. As I'm writing this, the



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election results are not yet known, but no matter what the outcome, America faces various problems that will need to be addressed by the next president and Congress.

In doing so, our newly elected officials would do well to take a bit of advice from one of our current leaders, George W. Bush. After a divisive election in 2000, Bush addressed the American people with these words: "I was not elected to serve one party, but to serve one nation. The president of the United States is the

president of every single American, of every race and every background. Whether you voted for me or not, I will do my best to serve your interests, and I will work to earn your respect."

Whether one likes the source of it or not, this is wise advice for a new generation of problem solvers. It would be a mistake to construe any outcome in this election as a mandate for any one party. If Sen. John McCain wins, then it is not because he is a product of the far right, and if Sen. Barack Obama wins, then it is not because he has painted himself as a hardened liberal.

So, regardless of which party is more successful this time around, America's new leaders shouldn't expect to carry out a radical agenda. Even if they have the ability to do so, this temptation must be avoided. For McCain, such a move would be impractical, with Congress looking to lean more Democratic. For Obama, such a move would be a horrible disservice to the American people who would have elected him expecting a post-partisan

moderate.

At home, the American economy faces rising unemployment, falling stocks and failing mortgages, along with uncertainty over America's energy future. Abroad, America faces rocky relationships with some long-time allies and continued challenges from evildoers. Americans want real solutions to these problems.

I suspect that few of these solutions can, in fact, be found in the far wings of any one party. Many of them have rather commonsensical solutions that can be decided on and implemented with just a little give-and-take. Both parties should be open to reasonable compromises that will satisfy, at least to some extent, everybody involved.

I think that it's safe to say that the American people want a few statesmen in Washington, not simply partisan devotees. It shouldn't be too much to ask people to place dedication to country over dedication to party. Otherwise, problem solving takes a backseat to partisan bickering, and that's never a good thing.

Protest should remain tasteful

Hanging Obama effigy from tree not remotely humorous, lacks respect

Putting a whoopee cushion in your best friend's chair at the library is a great prank, but hanging an effigy of a black man from a tree is not something I would put down in the Prankster Hall of Fame.

Last week, I received an e-mail from a friend who attends the University of Kentucky. Attached to the e-mail was an article telling of an effigy of Barack Obama that was found hanging from a tree on UK's campus. University President Lee Todd sent a letter to all students expressing his outrage and embarrassment, and assured the perpetrators of this atrocity that they would be found. And they were.

On Thursday, students Joe Fischer and Hunter Bush turned themselves in to authorities on charges

of disorderly conduct, burglary and theft. The boys' attorney said that they were "extremely sorry" and that the incident "was an ill-conceived political prank." I don't know about you, but I don't see much humor in this so-called prank.

This is the second time in a month such an incident has occurred. Students at George Fox University in Oregon were recently punished for hanging the likeness of Obama from a tree. The fact that this is occurring on college campuses is one of the most disturbing aspects of these offenses. Universities are supposed to help students increase their knowledge and decrease their ignorance. However, it is obvious that ignorance is still present on campuses across the U.S.

Sheer immaturity and stupidity drive students to hang an effigy of a black man from a tree. These are crimes of hate and racism, and I seriously doubt that these guys did this to get a few good laughs. However, these "jokes" have not just been aimed at Barack Obama, but also at GOP presidential and vice-presidential candidates John McCain and Sarah

Palin. While the effigy of Obama may hit a few more sour notes, both displays, regardless of color, are hate crimes. It is cruel and outrageous to do such a thing whether you dislike the person's political party or race.

People of all nationalities, races and religions have fought to make this country a progressive and educated nation. However, with lewd acts such as these, we make mockeries of what these people have struggled and even died for. If these students had acted more like adults should, they would have found a less destructive way to assert their opinions of the candidates.

Here's a great idea: voting. If these guys weren't big fans of Obama, they should have just gone to the polls Tuesday and cast a vote for McCain or another candidate. Hanging the likeness of Obama, Palin or anyone else from a tree is not going to change the outcome of the election, but it will make you look like a bigot, which isn't an image many people want. There are so many ways for students to express our opinions in a non-hateful, less offensive manner if we just think before we act.

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IN OUR OPINION

Voter turnout speaks highly of U.S. politics

Nov. 4 has come and gone, and Americans generally deserve a pat on the back for tremendous voter turnout. In recent elections, turnout was weak at best considering the sacrifices we have made as a nation to earn this right. Yesterday, the trend took a turn in the right direction.

Still, some voters still met long waits. At one polling location in Virginia, more than 1,000 voters stood in line prior to the polls opening — only to be delayed

when the librarian with the key overslept.

Granted, long lines aren't really an excuse for abstaining. Three, or even four, hours every few years isn't much to ask. But for some, a few missed hours of

work is a big deal. While many early voting options have been made available, voters should be able to cast a ballot on Election Day in a timely manner. While logistical problems may have contributed to the problems, most of the poll workers are volunteers who don't make a living running voting locations. Improvement needs to be made in design and implementation of new voting solutions.

Voters also need to take advantage of early voting and absentee ballots. Given how popular these options were this year, perhaps even more voters will take advantage in the next round. All told though, yesterday was a victory for the U.S. Hopefully the next four years will continue to usher in ever increasing political awareness and activism.

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JIMMY’S TRAILER PARK

Eastwood, Howard, Cantet among directors of promising upcoming films, Oscar hopefuls

Jimmy Gilmore
STAFF WRITER

Lots of trailers have been making the rounds in a continued effort to promote the year-end clutter, as each studio does their best to get their Oscar contenders lined up. Trying to sort through them all can be a mess, but here are some of the more notable trailers to watch as soon as possible.

The trailer of the week goes to Mr. Clint Eastwood and his new film “Gran Torino.” Eastwood directs himself as a retired war vet who reluctantly helps an immigrant family when they become the target of gang violence.

With age, Eastwood has gained the ability to make mature and satisfying work that tops any director in the last several years. Here he seems to deconstruct his image as a tough guy while handling the same themes that have dominated his work of late, making “Gran Torino” a possible late-year surprise.

“Slumdog Millionaire,”directed by Danny Boyle (“28 Days Later”) has been making more waves than any other film at this year’s festivals, with critics and audiences alike going crazy for it. Picked up by Fox Searchlight for release later this year the film is about a young Indian boy who goes on India’s version of “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” to prove his love to the girl of his dreams.

Without giving much away, the trailer sets up the film’s celebratory tone and positions it as a crowd-pleaser that

instantly distinguishes it against the heavy films coming out in the last two months of the year.

One of the other films that sent waves through festivals, Laurent Cantet’s French film “The Class” was the recipient of this year’s Palme d’Or, the highest prize at the Cannes International Film Festival. Cantet’s film is a documentary-style drama about a high school class in a rough neighborhood.

Though the simple plot outline may recall bland movies about inner-city education, Cantet’s “fly-on-the-wall” camera style and use of real students have helped his film reach an impeccable level of naturalism.

Stephen Daldry directs Kate Winslet in “The Reader,” an adaptation of Bernhard Schlink’s acclaimed novel. The film has been at the center of an industry dispute, which involved producer Harvey Weinstein wanting to push the film up for a 2008 release (it was originally scheduled for 2009).

Though the results of Weinstein’s push remain to be seen, Kate Winslet looks stunning in the film, which affords her another great chance to show off her nearly untouchable ability.

“Angels and Demons” put out its first teaser trailer as well, though the film is slated for a May 2009 release. There’s little to gain from it, but Tom Hanks has thankfully kept his hair looking reasonable and Ron Howard seems to be keeping the same style from “The Da Vinci Code,” for better or worse.

And speaking of teasers, the Michael Bay-produced reboot of “Friday the 13th” proves that, yes, the likelihood of another great horror movie coming out anywhere in the near future is slim. Joining on the heels of the somewhat less than successful remakes of “The Texas

“Writing gives you the illusion of control, and then you realize it’s just an illusion, that people are going to bring their own stuff into it.” — David Sedaris

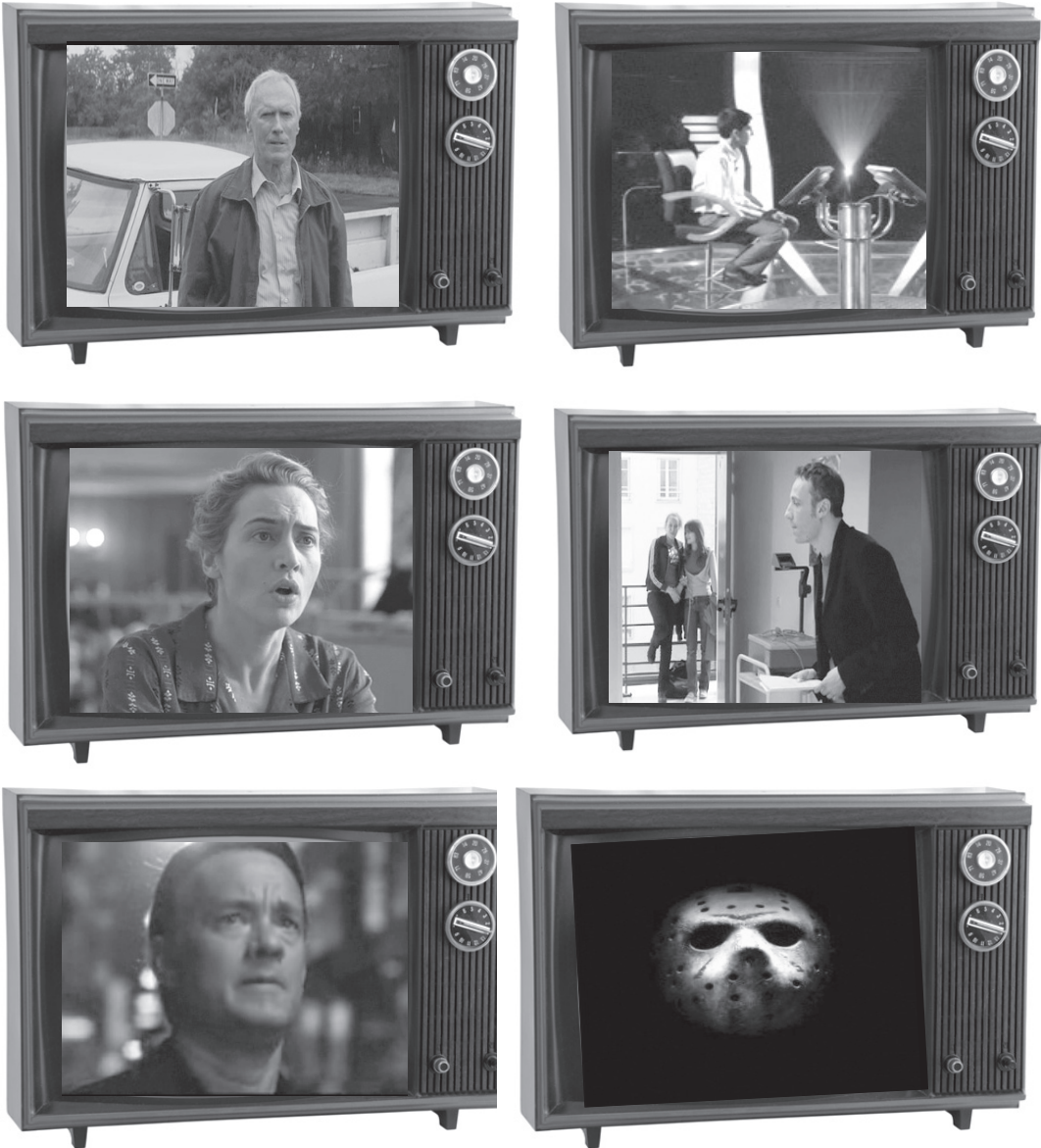


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Screen shots of new, outstanding movie trailers, clockwise from top left: Clint Eastwood’s ‘Gran Torino,’ Danny Boyle’s ‘Slumdog Millionaire,’ Laurent Cantet’s ‘The Class,’ Michael Bay’s ‘Friday the 13th,’ Ron Howard’s ‘Angels and Demons,’ and Stephen Daldry’s ‘The Reader.’

Chainsaw Massacre” and “Halloween,” reinventing the slasher movie seems to only come in the form of redundant remakes.

Be on the lookout for these and other

trailers online at apple.com/trailers or youtube.com.

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Captain J.J. Jones (Jeffrey Donovan) walks worried mother Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie) through a massive sea of reporters in Clint Eastwood’s new provocative drama,

Eastwood fails to give audiences change of pace in new blockbuster

‘Changeling’ provides quality characterization, daunting suspense, despite similarities to ‘Mystic River’

“Changeling”

★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆

Run Time: 141 minutes

Director: Clint Eastwood

Actors: Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, Jeffrey Donovan

Rating: R for violence, disturbing content and language

See It: In Theaters Nationwide

Robert Johnson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Director Clint Eastwood’s latest film, “Changeling,” debuted in theaters across the country and lacks change of pace for the acclaimed director which the genre choice would seem to indicate.

The film chronicles the story of Christine Collins, the mother of a kidnapped child, who calls upon the police for help only to

have them bring the wrong child home to her. When she protests and insists that they continue searching for her own child, she incurs the wrath of some of Los Angeles’s most corrupt policemen.

This suspenseful drama stars Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, and Jeffrey Donovan of “Burn Notice.” The star power behind this film is considerable, but the high expectations they must meet are also daunting. For the most part, the film lives up to the hype, but viewers who have seen previous Eastwood movies may experience a little déjà vu.

The plot is lengthy but fairly simple. Angelina Jolie plays Christine Collins, the single mother who clearly loves her child but comes home from work one day to find he is missing. Captain J.J. Jones, played by Jeffrey Donovan, starts to become very agitated and hostile when Collins will not give up even when he feels the job is done. The Rev. Gustav Briegleb, played by John Malkovich, finds out about the crisis and warns the worried mother that the Los Angeles police department is infamous for their brutality and corruption. Throughout the film Briegleb

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Top 30 WUSC ALBUMS OF THE WEEK

1. OF MONTREAL, Skeletal Lamping (Polyvinyl)
2. TOBACCO, Fucked Up Friends (Anticon)
2. HER SPACE HOLIDAY, Sleep Tigers [EP] (Mush)
3. JAY REATARD, Matador Singles ‘08 (Matador)
5. MANCHESTER ORCHESTRA, I’m Like A Virgin Losing A Child (Canvas Back)
6. OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW, Tennessee Pusher (Nettwerk)
7. INNERPARTYSYSTEM, Innerpartysystem (Island)
8. ELECTRIC, SIX Flashy (Metropolis)
9. RED CAR WIRE, Let’s Never Get Older [EP] (Universal Motown)
10. KENNA, Make Sure They See My Face (Interscope)
11. LUCINDA WILLIAMS, Little Honey (Lost Highway)
12. NOAH AND THE WHALE, Peaceful, The World Lays Me Down (Cherry Tree-Interscope)
13. WALTER MEEGO, Voyager (Almost Gold)
14. SHINY TOY GUNS, “Ricochet” [Single] (Universal Motown)
15. MARGOT AND THE NUCLEAR SO AND SO’S, Animal/Not Animal (Epic)
16. COOL KIDS, Bake Sale (Chocolate Industries)
17. VIVIAN GIRLS, Vivian Girls (In The Red)
18. CATFISH HAVEN Devastator Secretly Canadian
19. MARNIE STERN, This Is It ... (Kill Rock Stars)
20. LITTLE ONES, Terry Tales And Fallen Gates (Self-Released)
21. JOSEPH ARTHUR AND THE LONELY ASTRONAUTS, Temporary People (Lonely Astronaut)
22. DUNGEN, 4 (Kemado)
23. BLITZEN TRAPPER, Furr (SUB POP)
24. AIDS WOLF, Cities Of Glass Skin (Graft)
25. DR. MANHATTAN, Dr. Manhattan (Vagrant)
26. SUBMARINES, Honeysuckle Weeks (Nettwerk)
27. ENEMY UK, We’ll Live And Die In These Towns (Warner Bros.)
28. SING IT LOUD, Come Around (Epitaph)
29. TOMMY AND THE WHALE, Shot For The Moon (Esperanza Plantation)
30. DEERHOOF, Offend Maggie (Kill Rock Stars)

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occasionally appears and uses his political clout to defend Collins from the police, who do everything in their power to suppress the mother’s voice and discredit her. That is, until a detective discovers that Collins’s real son may have fallen victim to a crazed murderer.

While the story is supposedly based on real events that occurred in the late 1920’s, the title of the film is still oddly appropriate. The word “changeling” refers to early folktales about fairy tale creatures that would steal small children in the night and replace them or living replicas so no one would realize the kids were missing. When the police finally search for and eventually find some child, Collins immediately vocalizes that the child in front of her is not her boy, despite the boy’s contrary claims. The irony of a movie about a small boy pretending to be another small boy which was released on the biggest costume holiday is quite amusing. It isn’t exactly the same situation as the changeling folk stories, but it’s close. The filmmakers may have been better off if they didn’t name the film after a somewhat obscure fantasy creature.

The characters are all convincing, aside from the occasionally stereotypical portrayal of dirty cops. John Malkovich is always a great choice for an outraged white knight. After all, it is the same role we have seen him do many times before, and it never gets old. While the chief of police is a cookie cutter corrupt policeman, Donovan once again makes a convincing misogynistic jerk. Even the juvenile imposter is fleshed out well.

The one character that seems a little strange is Jolie’s character Christine Collins, despite her excellent acting. She really manages to get into her character, but after playing

incredibly hardcore action heroines in “Mr. And Mrs. Smith” and “Wanted,” it can be slightly awkward to see Jolie as this quivering, barely assertive woman. Fortunately, the contrast between these two extremes isn’t drastic enough to hurt the movie, but it does come close.

That being said, the movie flows wonderfully. While the actors portrayed their characters fairly well, the real magic is in the screenwriting and directing. The main characters are very well rounded, and we can empathize with Collins at every moment in the film. Some moments may seem cliché, but they still come off as plausible or realistic. The film knows when it needs to lighten up. In a time when movies often get too emotional for their own good, this is quite a relief.

As to be expected though, there are flaws to this movie. The most obvious one is that it sometimes gets a little repetitive. Watching Jolie cry incessantly gets old after a while, and the film honestly could be shortened. Much of the plot is similar to “Mystic River,” another movie Clint Eastwood directed only five years ago. Both movies are based on true stories about serial killers, and both refer to fantasy monsters. The major differences are that “Changeling” is more about tracking down the victim than the killer, and it is a period piece. Clint Eastwood has every right to establish himself as a director of true crime suspense thrillers, but sometimes a little brevity can go a long way.

The film as a whole is more than worth watching. Its faults are few, and it is a very deep, well-thought out story. It isn’t necessarily a movie you could pigeonhole into a specific subgenre, but it is very dramatic and has a great deal of mystery and suspense.

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NBC’s ‘Heroes’ loses two key script writers

Popular television drama falters in differences of artistic opinion, faces critical staff dismissals

Maureen Ryan
MCT Campus

Two top writers for “Heroes” have been fired. Co-executive producers Jeph Loeb and Jesse Alexander, both of whom ran the show on a day-to-day basis, according to the Variety story breaking the news, were let go.

“It’s understood that Alexander and Loeb were let go because of Peacock execs’ frustration with the creative direction of the show,” Variety’s Cynthia Littleton wrote. The show was also enduring cost overruns, according to the story.

As the L.A. Times’ Geoff Boucher wrote in a Showtracker blog post on the news, “The show that was once NBC’s strongest scripted series really lost its way, and a lot of casual fans just threw their hands up in the air and reached for the remote.”

I can’t say that I ever thought “Heroes” was NBC’s strongest scripted series, but it’s certainly, at this point, NBC’s biggest missed opportunity. The network has fired nothing but blanks in terms of new shows this fall, and it’s not as though it had a lot of



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In its third season, “Heroes” faces criticism of writing, causing staffing

hits in its arsenal. The fact that this one was allowed to get so bad without someone at the network stepping in to fix the mess is just one more indication of how much disarray exists at the Peacock network these days.

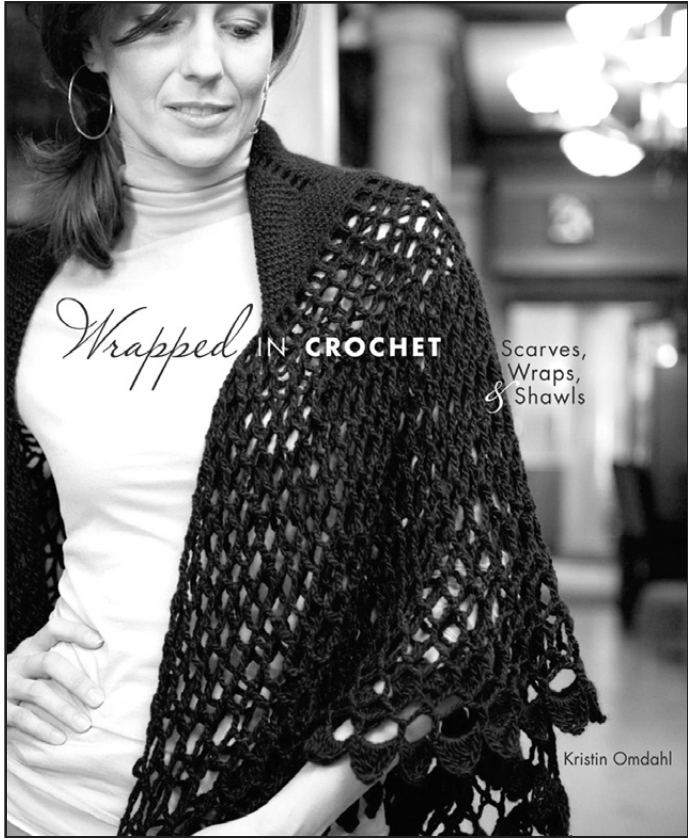
I gave up on “Heroes” a few weeks ago, and short of the network and studio bringing on someone whose talent and resume I really respect, I can’t see myself getting back on that particular horse. When the good stuff outweighs the bad stuff by a 5 to 1 ratio, as it has on “Heroes” for two

seasons now, it’s my bad if I don’t know when to walk away.

What’s completely frustrating to me is that it has never seemed like it would be that difficult to fix the show. It’s a popcorn serial, and I’d bet there are dozens of writers in L.A. with the chops to make this show work. Haven’t you, as a fan, come up with at least five ways to fix the show, as EW recently did?

(Oh and quickly, speaking of reboots — “24” finally returns Jan. 11 and 12, Fox announced Monday.)

Author brings fun to fall fashion, offers versatility



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Kristin Omdahl’s book gives crochet instructions and allows readers to make their own fashionable

Omdahl offers readers style tips, ideas for cooler weather in new how-to book ‘Wrapped in Crochet: Scarves, Wraps & Shawls’

Kim Ossi
MCT Campus

Fall weather makes me want to curl up on the couch and be crafty all afternoon. If you crochet and think knitters get to have all the fun, pick up a copy of “Wrapped in Crochet: Scarves, Wraps & Shawls,” by Kristen Omdahl (Interweave Press, \$22.95).

These patterns are just beautiful, from the versatile Stella circular shawl on the cover (which can be worn three ways), to the simple but fabulous Ivy chevron scarf, to the spider web-like Farrah lacy shawl with fringe.

Most patterns offer a few looks, depending on how you wear the item, and include notes with tips specific to the pattern. Each scarf, wrap or shawl also comes with a description, sometimes explaining the yarn choice and the inspiration behind it. Note that this book is probably aimed at the intermediate to advanced crocheter, but the patterns are certainly something beginners can aspire to create. This is definitely a book you’ll want to keep in your creative library and curl up with on a chilly afternoon.

Agency investigates cable operators’ pricing policies

FCC probes into major companies, makes sure customers not overcharged for services via cellular phones, gadgets

Deborah Yac
MCT Campus

PHILADELPHIA — The Federal Communications Commission has opened an investigation into the pricing policies of major cable operators and Verizon Communications Inc.

The agency wants to ensure that customers are being treated fairly, FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said in an interview with The Associated Press.

“I’m certainly concerned with the increasing cable prices that consumers are facing,” Martin said. “They are getting less and being charged the same or more.”

The FCC wrote to Verizon and 11 cable companies last month about their practice of moving analog channels into digital tiers to free up bandwidth for other uses, such as high-definition channels.

To watch channels that have been moved, subscribers to analog service must either subscribe to a more expensive digital tier, rent a digital set-top box or use an adapter, which service providers are starting to offer for free.

The FCC’s Oct. 30 letter went to Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc., Cox Communications Inc., Charter Communications Inc., Cablevision Systems Corp., Bright House Networks, Suddenlink Communications, Bend Cable Communications, GCI Company, Harron Entertainment, a unit of Harron Communications, RCN Corp. and Verizon. Verizon was included because it offers pay-TV through its FiOS service.

Cable providers are in a race with satellite TV and phone companies to offer the most high-definition channels. About half of the nation’s 65 million cable households buy only the analog basic or “enhanced basic” tiers.

The agency also will investigate whether providers are misleading customers into thinking that when analog television channels move to the digital tier of service the shift is related to the federal government’s mandate that all broadcasts be digital by February, Martin said.

The two moves are unrelated. Linking the two in customers’ minds could prompt more people to opt for digital video services.

The FCC has asked companies being probed to submit information about their pricing and channel switching practices within two weeks.

Martin said it also appears consumers weren’t given “appropriate notice” about the channel changes.

He said the FCC has received a “significant” number of consumer complaints about the practice of moving analog channels to digital tiers of service, which has accelerated this year.

Comcast spokeswoman Sena Fitzmaurice said the company has started offering a free digital set-top box and up to two digital adapters to “enhanced basic” customers. The adapters convert digital signals to analog.

David Young, vice president of federal regulatory affairs at Verizon, said FiOS is all-digital but it had been simulcasting in analog so customers could watch TV on analog sets in other rooms that don’t have set-top boxes. Verizon stopped the analog transmissions last month.

“We told customers repeatedly that this was coming. We asked them to contact us. We told them about their options, including offering them the digital adapter for that TV for free,” Young said.

Bruce Broquet, vice president of finance for GCI, said its system will be all digital by the end of the year so the subject matter will be moot for customers.

Other cable operators either declined to comment or didn’t immediately return calls for comment from The Associated Press.

The FCC’s letter was sent out a day after Consumers Union asked the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation to look into the practice of moving analog channels to the digital tier.

“Consumers are left paying the same monthly rate for significantly less service, or must rent more expensive set-top boxes for each television set they own,” said Consumers Union, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group.

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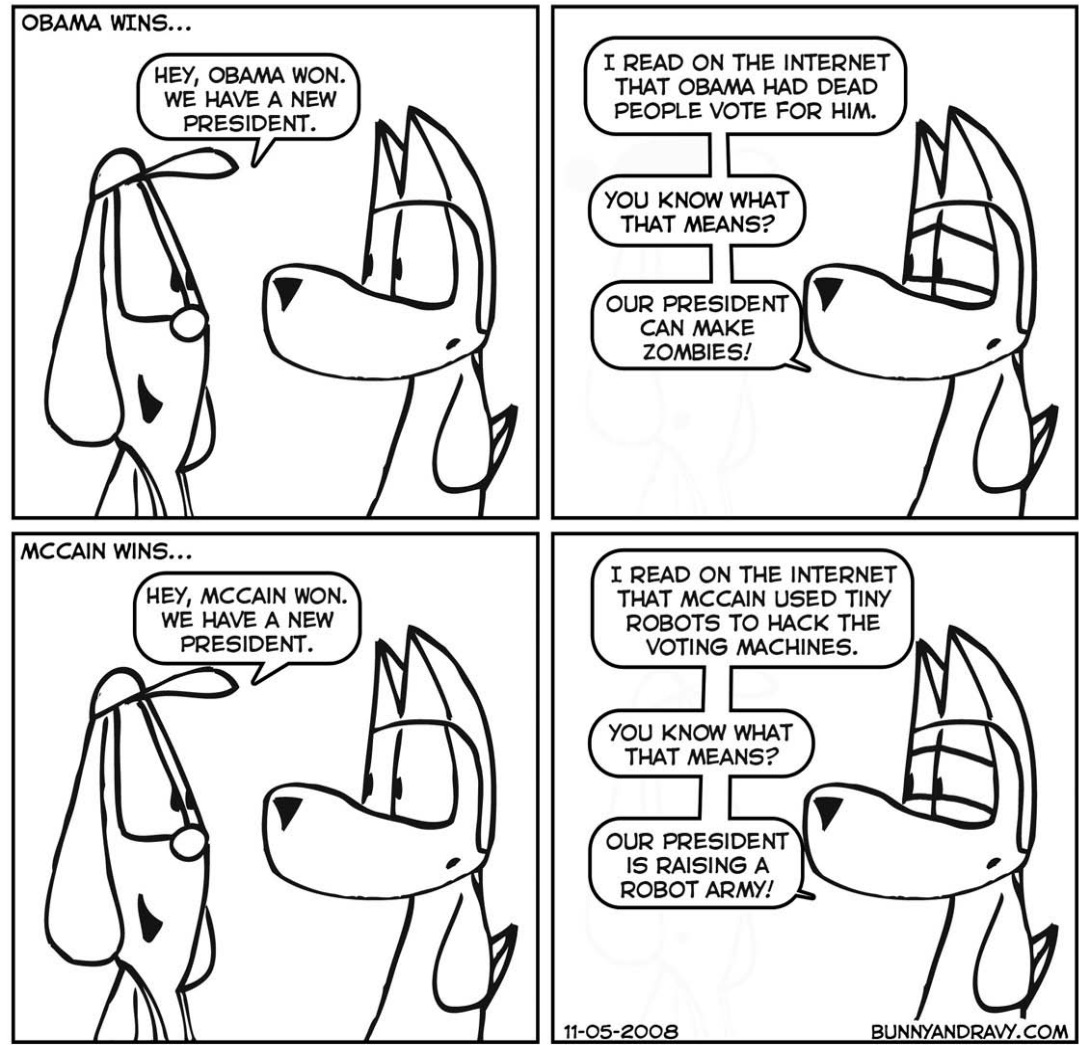
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ARIES Don't discuss financial details with the public yet. Wait until you and your associates have a chance to clean things up.

TAURUS Everybody's got an opinion, and no two are alike. How can you work out a compromise? Start by cutting the fluff.

GEMINI Postpone a trip if you can; it'll be easier if you get a few more chores done before you go. Travel will turn out OK if begun now.

CANCER Things that looked within reach yesterday seem less affordable now. Don't be afraid; sharpen your pencil.

LEO You're not the only one with strong opinions, as you may have

noticed. Don't get into a shouting match with people who aren't listening.

VIRGO If you come up with the answer before the others do, present it kindly. Make them think they thought of it first. That's a very effective way to teach.

LIBRA The support you get from the people you love is immensely important to you.

SCORPIO Stay home as much as possible for the next day or two. Familiar surroundings will be more than just a comfort; you'll be inspired to try something you were worried about, and that's a good thing.

SAGITTARIUS Don't tell everybody

your plans yet; just keep thinking about them. You may discover that it would be a good idea to learn how to do something you don't already know.

CAPRICORN A project that's been on the back burner could pay off well for you now. Dig through your stack of stuff and find something that's ripe for taking action.

AQUARIUS Your friends will get you out of a jam, so make sure they know where you're going and with whom you're apt to be tangling.

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Carolina sets sights on SEC Tournament

Heading to Alabama, Smith feels women's soccer has 'one of best teams in SEC'

Drew Lattier
STAFF WRITER

It was a year ago this time when the USC women's soccer team entered the SEC tournament searching for their first-ever tournament win in program history. Just a few days later, a determined group of Carolina girls handily defeated Tennessee 2-0 for their milestone victory.

This year, the Gamecocks have again earned the right to play in the SEC tournament, an opportunity that just eight out of the 12 SEC programs are given. Looking for their second tournament win in school history, Carolina will face off against the fourth-seeded Georgia Bulldogs tonight in the tournament quarterfinals.

USC was awarded the fifth seed in the tournament after finishing the regular season 11-5-4. Their SEC record of 5-4-2 was good enough for a third place finish in the SEC East, matching the highest finish in program history. The Gamecocks had a rough finish to the regular season, only winning one out of their last five games. However the team played Florida to a close 1-0 loss this past Thursday, a moral victory over the top seeded team in the tournament.

"Even though it was a loss, we know we can play with anyone," coach Shelley Smith said. "We gave Florida all they can handle.

Our defense has given us a chance to win games and we just have to make sure we find scoring on the offensive end."

Georgia comes into the matchup on a hot streak, winning six of its last seven contests. Carolina played the Bulldogs to a 1-1 tie earlier this season.

"We're tweaking some things that we saw we needed to improve upon since we last played Georgia," Smith said. "We are a different team now. We are playing very well and have been looking good in practice."

Once a team makes it to the SEC tournament, it's either play or go home. With one-loss elimination, a team can advance to Sunday's championship game with just two wins. This group of Carolina players made history a year ago by winning a tournament game, and look to make Gamecock history again this year by winning their first SEC tournament.

"The players returning, this means a lot to them. They have been there and they have seen the great opportunities to try and win a championship," Smith said. "We're excited that we've been given the chance to be there, because once we are there we feel that we have one of the best teams in the SEC."

If the Gamecocks were to beat Georgia, they would face the winner of the Alabama-Florida match on Friday. This would put them in the semi-finals, just one win away from the championship game.

Although the tournament is such a high pressure, do or die event, Smith believes her players perform the best when under pressure.



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Forward Brooke Jacobs just misses on a shot against No. 7 Florida on Thursday.

"I think we have responded well all season in any situation under pressure, I think we thrive on that," Smith said. "We've done well against pressure situations and against the top opponents. The tournament will be high pressure but it gives us motivation."

The Gamecocks will also be competing for a spot in this year's NCAA tournament. Because the SEC conference is weaker this year than in previous years, only three

or four teams from the conference will most likely be selected for the national tournament.

"We deserve to be in NAAs," Smith said. "We know we have to win some of these games to get there."

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Spurrier preps for Razorbacks

Top rusher, new coaching staff present problems for USC as Arkansas tries to spoil Senior Day

Michael Aguilar
SPORTS EDITOR

Whether it was the election looming or the relative low profile of this Saturday's coming game between Arkansas and South Carolina, USC coach Steve Spurrier's Tuesday press conference seemed low key in comparison to the way Spurrier typically runs things.

Spurrier's Gamecocks are fresh off of their biggest victory over Tennessee in recent memory and face an ever-improving Razorback team next Saturday. However, with both the Razorbacks and Carolina all but removed from contention for the SEC West and East titles, the game is certainly not on the forefront of the national mind.

Nonetheless, Spurrier is preparing for an Arkansas team that is going to bring quite an attitude into Williams-Brice Stadium. The Razorbacks began the season without much fire for their new head coach Bobby Petrino.

Petrino's team struggled against an FCS team and a mid-major team to start the season with two straight wins. The Razorbacks would follow those two wins with three straight losses by 31 points or more. Arkansas would not quit though, as the season has progressed the team has become more competitive. The Razorbacks have gone 2-2 over their last



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Steve Spurrier contemplates his offensive gameplan against the Vols.

four games, but those two losses came by a combined three points.

"[Arkansas is a] pretty good team, they've really improved as the season has gone on," Spurrier said. "They won a big game last week against undefeated Tulsa. So we look forward to a close game. Hopefully we can make a play or two in the fourth quarter or earlier to put these guys away."

Unfortunately for the Gamecocks one player that will be standing in the way of victory is Arkansas running back Michael Smith. Smith leads the SEC in rushing yards and Carolina has historically had problems with powerful Razorback rush offenses.

Last season Darren McFadden solidified his Heisman bid by tying an SEC record for

rush yards in a game with 321 yards when the Gamecocks traveled to Fayetteville, Ark. However, Spurrier is more concerned with Petrino's legendary pass offense.

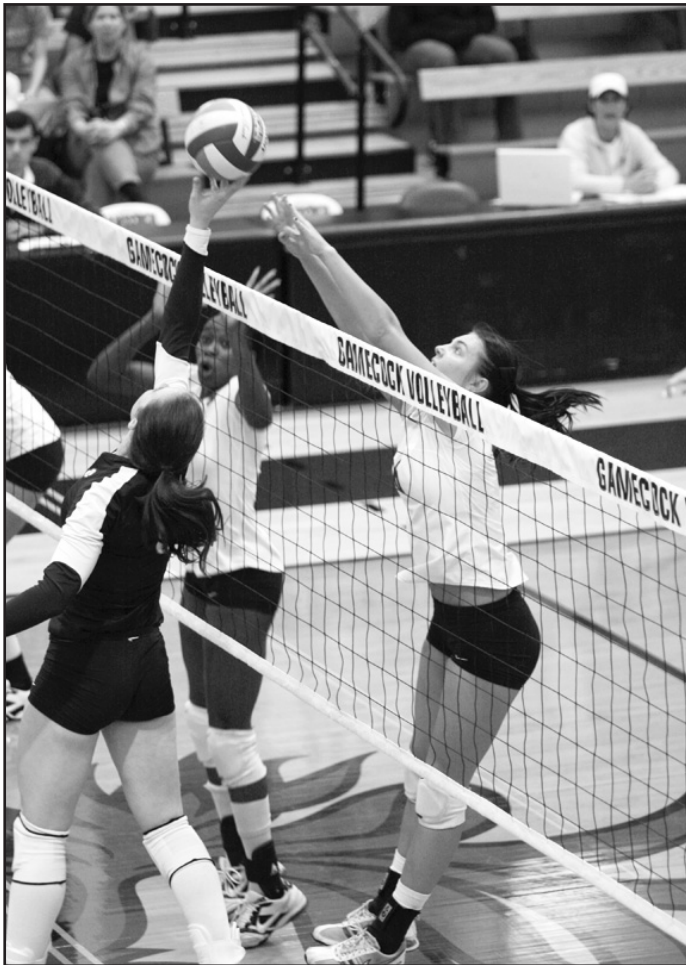
"Bobby Petrino has been known as an outstanding offensive coach in college ball," Spurrier said. "Casey Dick, last week I think, was within two yards of setting a school passing record. So they throw it around successfully and their offense has scored a bunch of points this year."

On the other side of the ball Spurrier has noted changes in Arkansas' defensive style. With a new defensive coordinator on the sidelines, the Razorbacks have changed up their pass coverage style. This change is bad news for a USC team that has had trouble taking care of the ball while it is in the air. Gamecock quarterbacks have thrown three more interceptions than any other team this season.

"They were pretty much a man-to-man, bump and run team," Spurrier said. "Now they play a lot of coverages. They play a bunch of different zones and zone blitzes as well as man-to-man also. They probably play as many coverages as any team we've played this year."

Saturday is Senior Day for the Gamecocks as the Arkansas game marks the final home game of the season for USC. Any player not expected to return next season will be honored along with the player's parents at halftime, kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

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Two Gamecocks go up for a block against Ole Miss.

Winning weekend for Gamecock volleyball

Salters leads team to two-win weekend against SEC West foes

Justin Wilson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

This past weekend the volleyball team competed in two matches at the Volleyball Competition Facility. The Gamecocks were looking to rebound from two tough road losses last weekend against Georgia and LSU, and also to build momentum heading into the final few weeks of their season.

The Gamecocks kicked off the Halloween weekend in a match last Friday night against the Arkansas Razorbacks. Earlier this season, the Gamecocks squeezed out a 3-2 win in a match against the Razorbacks in Arkansas. However, this time the team dominated and won in convincing fashion in straight sets over their SEC opponents (25-14, 25-18, 25-18).

Belita Salters had an

outstanding match for the Gamecocks connecting on 12 kills and nearly breaking the record for hitting percentage. Her teammate Hannah Lawing tied Salters with 12 kills while hitting a career best .476 and narrowly missing a double-double.

Ivana Kujundzic contributed to the winning effort with a match-best three aces and earning her fourth straight double-double in SEC play. Both Kujundzic and junior Sarah Cline added 13 digs for the Gamecocks.

On Sunday, the team faced off against the Ole Miss Rebels. The team was looking to respond from a 3-1 loss to Ole Miss earlier this season in Mississippi. The Rebels came out of the gate quickly and won a tough fought first set 25-22. However, the Gamecocks were not willing to give up and won the next three sets (25-19, 30-28, 25-19) to take the match 3-1.

The turning point for the Gamecocks came in

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USC beat Clemson in all facets on Friday.

USC gets first win of season

Swimming and Diving dominates Tigers in pool

Scott Waggoner
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

South Carolina's swimming and diving team picked up its first win of the season last Sunday at the Carolina Natatorium in dominating fashion, as both the men and women cruised past Clemson, setting many personal best records along the way. Everything came together for the Gamecocks, as the men won 178-119, while the women took a 171-128 victory. Both teams improved to 1-2, after losing their first two matches of the season.

"Front to back, start to finish this was probably our most consistent effort all year," assistant coach Steve Steketeer said about the match. "Everything was rolling, we won a lot of close races, and it was a lot fun."

Sophomore Megan Sparks, who broke a 16-year-old school record in the 100 backstroke, highlighted

the swimming portion of the meet. She swam the distance in 55.86 seconds, which was almost one-tenth of a second faster than Michelle McCarthy, who set the record in 1992. Spark's big night continued when she set a personal record of 1:59.91 in the 200 breast, and then went on to help the relay team win the 400 freestyle in the last event of the night.

Sparks wasn't the only one to find success on Sunday, as there were a total of 41 career-best performances. The women's team set 24 personal bests, while the men had 17 new personal records. Senior Amanda Dunnigan set a personal best in the 100 breast with a time of 1:03.82, while freshman star Kyle Cormier continued to excel, as he set two personal records in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke.

Armin Hornikel, another freshman, won three out of four events, setting personal record times in the 100 and 200 breast, and the 50 freestyle. Freshman Lindsey Olson also continued to swim well,

Sponsor gives USC students many benefits

Top equipment contract generated by Spurrier should be admired by fans

When many students entered USC, the athletic apparel was considered mediocre at best. Russell Athletics sponsored USC as they smothered the Gamecocks in bland jerseys and team merchandise.

As Steve Spurrier joined the Gamecocks, many apparel companies targeted Carolina as they realized the potential for consistent national exposure. Prior to the 2007 season, the university agreed to a six-year, football-only contract with Under Armour.

The deal paid \$150,000 more per year than the deal with Russell, and the university has benefited from more advanced gear.

As the 2007 season started, the Gamecocks came out of the tunnel with the freshest jerseys in the conference.

When USC received the sponsor, they were only the fourth Under Armour sponsored college football program with the others being Auburn, Texas Tech and Maryland — now the company sponsors 10 teams.

The limited sponsored teams seem to be satisfied with the service and Maryland signed a contract worth \$17.5 million in September, making Under Armour the sole merchandise provider for all 27 of its varsity sports.

Under Armour initially provided clothing to be worn underneath jerseys and pads, but they now offer all sorts of merchandise that are sported so throughout campus.

The best thing about Under Armour's sponsorship of Gamecock football is that students have the opportunity to buy the merchandise dowsed in any USC color scheme or logo imaginable.

Students, faculty, staff and relatives benefit from this sponsorship as well — a quality collared shirt, hooded sweatshirt or loose-fit T-shirt makes the perfect holiday gift for any Gamecock fan.

The future looks promising for Under Armour as their exposure grows beyond the college ranks and into the professional world. Prior to next year's draft, Under Armour will officially present the NFL Combine and every player invited will be wearing their performance apparel.

If successful, Under Armour could eventually be the official merchandise sponsor of the NFL, whose current contract with Reebok ends in 2010.

The possibilities are endless for the company as it is blossoming in an economy that appreciates and demands quality sports merchandise. It would not be surprising to see Under Armour infiltrate more professional sports or eventually get bought out by powerhouse Nike.

Whatever happens, fans here should appreciate what Steve Spurrier has helped bring to this university because if it weren't for his arrival, it's likely that none of us would be wearing the quality Carolina gear we have today.

Everyone knows that you have to "look good to play good," and South Carolina's contract with Under Armour ensures that they will look good for at least another four years.



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Fourth-year sport and entertainment management student

Men's soccer ties No. 9 Tulsa

In final road game Gamecocks take top 10 Golden Hurricane team to double overtime draw

Dylan Burton
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The men's soccer team continued its recent hot streak, battling C-USA leader Tulsa to a 0-0 draw Saturday night in Tulsa, Okla.

"This was a very closely contested game," USC coach Mark Berson said. "We had our chances, including hitting the post, while Tulsa created chances as well. Overall, I was proud of the effort, particularly in light of the demanding travel schedule that we had this week."

With the draw, USC extended its unbeaten streak to three games, no easy task against a Tulsa team that has looked unstoppable in Conference U.S.A. play. The Golden Hurricane, the No. 9 team in the country, had won 10 straight games before Saturday's draw, including all seven conference games.

The Gamecocks were certainly up to the challenge. A standout effort from the Carolina defense held Tulsa to only four shots on goal, despite being outshot 24-17 by the Golden Hurricane. Sophomore keeper Jimmy Maurer was a brick wall in net yet again for USC, recording his conference-leading eighth shutout of the season as the Gamecocks held the powerful Tulsa offense

off the scoreboard.

The USC offense was also unable to score, but kept solid pressure on Tulsa keeper Tyrel Lacey throughout the game. A pair of sophomore forwards led the Carolina attack, with striker Sam Arthur and forward Blake Brettschneider totaling five shots apiece. Arthur had the Gamecocks' best scoring chance, firing a strike off the post in the 46th minute. Following two scoreless overtime periods in which the teams combined for only one shot on goal, the game ended in a 0-0 draw. After the game, Berson had nothing but praise for his Gamecocks squad.

"This is a team of fighters," Berson said. "We've come off a very difficult stretch where we've played three games in seven days, traveled nearly 3,000 miles with two of the games on the road, and have given up one goal and been undefeated in that stretch. That speaks to the character of this team."

USC improved its record to 7-5-4 on the season, and clinched a winning regular season for the 12th straight year. The Gamecocks have also clinched a spot in next week's Conference USA Tournament and are currently in a four-way tie for third place in the conference.

USC will finish regular season play against UCF in Friday's 7 p.m. home game at Stone Stadium.

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Carolina takes first in Rees Jones

Bryan, Woodbury tie for first place in huge victory

Scott Wilson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

This week the men's golf team finished in first place at the Rees Jones Intercollegiate Golf Match at the Haig Point Golf Club in Daufuskie Island, S.C.

The match got off to a quick start for USC junior Paul Woodbury as he scored a hole-in-one on hole five during the first day of play. Not only did Woodbury have a strong start, but entering the final day of play on Tuesday, all five Gamecocks competing were in the top 10 in a field that included players from such schools as Michigan State, Tulsa and Georgia State University.

Entering the 8 a.m. start on Tuesday morning, the Gamecock players looked

to add to their strong start and each finish in the top 10 individually and in first place as a team overall.

For the most part, this is exactly what happened as the No. 22 Gamecocks won in convincing fashion by 21 strokes over San Diego State and Georgia State University who finished tied together for second. Not only did the team finish well together, but also Wesley Bryan and Paul Woodbury both shot rounds of 74 (+2) to finish tied for first place at two-over for the tournament in the individual competition.

Their teammate George Bryan IV finished the tournament in fourth place in the individual competition shooting 4-over for the 54-hole contest. Closely behind Bryan IV was fellow Gamecock Mark Silvers II who finished the tournament at 8-over in a tie for seventh place.

Wesley Bryan started his final round off strong with

two birdies through his first 13 holes, then slipped up a little and finished with a double bogey on hole 17 and a bogey on hole 18. Woodbury had an up-and-down day that included five birdies, five bogeys and a double bogey on hole seven.

The Gamecocks will now have a long break for winter before their next tournament in March of 2009.

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as she picked up wins and personal records in the 100 and 200 fly. Meanwhile, the sophomore Thompson twins, Christine and Claire, prevailed in the long distance events. Christine shaved six seconds off of her personal record in the 100 freestyle, while Claire found victory in the 500 freestyle.

The Gamecocks' dominance carried over to the diving part of the meet, where USC edged out the Tigers. On the women's side, sophomore Taryn Zack led the way, as she was victorious in the one- and three-meter events. In the one-meter event, USC took the top three spots, as sophomore Allison Barr and freshman Helen Alvey joined Zack in top honors of the event.

For the men, senior Corry Christian and freshman Ryan Kuser shined, as both finished in the top three for the one- and three-meter events. Christian took second place in both events, while

Kuser managed to come in third.

The win helped the Gamecocks increase its lead in the all time series against the Tigers. The men are now 32-12 all time against Clemson, while the women improved their record to 18-13.

"That's the beauty of rivalries," said coach Steketee in talking about what it meant beating Clemson. "They bring out the best in each other and anytime we could beat them it means we're moving in the right direction. There's so much emotion at that meet. You want to make sure that the kids can carry that emotion over to the next meet so that it's not a one off situation."

The Gamecocks will look to feed off this win when they take on a tough Florida Gators team this Saturday at 2 p.m. at the O'Connell Center Natatorium in Gainesville, Fla.

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the third set of the match when they let and early 8-3 lead slip to a 9-9 tie later in the set. The Gamecocks later took the lead at 18-15, but the Rebels responded with four straight points to take a 19-18 lead. From there, the match went back and forth with the Gamecocks leading 22-20 and the Rebels responding to lead 23-22. The teams traded set points for a while, until Sarah Cline's ace ensured the set for the Gamecocks.

Ivana Kujundzic and Bridget Denson-Dorman both contributed double-

doubles in Sunday's match. Along with them, Belita Salters added 17 kills with a .467 hitting percentage, Megan Laughlin had 11 kills and five blocks, and Sarah Cline made 20 digs. Senior Petra Lorenzi also had a superb match making 12 digs for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks ended the weekend with an overall record of 18-6 and a record of 9-5 in SEC play. The team will end a three-match home stand this upcoming Friday at 7 p.m. against Auburn.

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